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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were originally pending in the present application. Claim 13 was previously cancelled, leaving Claims 1-12 pending and at issue. Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for use of the term "centrifugal" to describe the force acting on the firing pin. Claims 1, 2 and 12 stand currently rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,811,664 to Levy. Finally, Claims 7/2, 8/1-2, 9, 10, and 11/1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Levy in view of several other cited references.

The Examiner has indicated that amendment of Claim 1 to include the limitation of Claim 3(a) would overcome all rejections to Levy. Accordingly, Applicants have so amended Claim 1 and deleted sub-paragraph (a) from Claim 3. Claim 1, and all claims dependent thereon, are now considered to distinguish over the cited art. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of all pending claims.

As for the 112 rejection, Claim 1 has been amended to replace the word "centrifugal" with "rotational" to more accurately describe the acting force. Applicants believe this rejection is now overcome and respectfully requests withdrawal of the same.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-12 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to overcome the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant contends all claims are now in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is earnestly sought.

Should any informalities remain which can be addressed by Examiner's Amendment, Applicant requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted in an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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